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A.—(*a*) Mr. P. F. Fyson was appointed as Principal on 6th July 1925 and has been continuing as such except for the period 4th July 1927 to 15th November 1927 when he was on leave. No time-limit has been prescribed.

(*b*) Mr. Fyson does no actual teaching. His duties as Principal preclude anything beyond a very general supervision of the Botany department.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The Government do not see any necessity for the adoption of the principle.

Opening of schools for Muslims in South Arcot and other districts.

* 1456 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of schools (elementary) opened for boys in the districts of South Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore and the Nilgiris since 1924–25; and

(*b*) how many of them were meant for Muslims in each of the said districts?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement[a] showing the number of schools opened at the instance of the Government is placed on the table. The Government have no information in regard to the number of schools opened by the managements concerned of their own accord.

Opening of additional schools for Muslims in South Arcot and other districts.

* 1457 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many additional schools are proposed to be opened during the year 1930–31 for Muslim boys in the districts of South Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore and the Nilgiris; and

(*b*) whether a statement of the number of schools to be opened talukwar in the said districts will be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government do not propose to subsidise local bodies for the opening of new elementary schools for Muhammadan boys in 1930–31.

Modification of the rule regulating the number of Muslim schools.

* 1458 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation that many centres of considerable Muslim population go without any school for boys and for girls on account of the rule that a school can be provided for boys only where the Muslim population is 500 and above and for girls where it is 1,000 and above;

(*b*) whether it is not a fact that on account of the strict observance of such a rule, education of the Muslim community is very much retarded; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to modify the rule and how?

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 143 infra.

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not issued any rule prohibiting the opening of boys' schools for Muhammadans in centres with a population of less than 500 or the opening of girls' schools for Muhammadans in centres with a population of less than 1,000. The hon. Member apparently refers to the schools opened by local bodies with special subsidies from Provincial funds since 1924-25. Special subsidies are given for the opening of boys' schools only in school-less centres with a population of 500 and above and of girls' schools for Muhammadans only in centres with a population of 1,000 and above in which there are no schools for Muhammadan girls. Local bodies are not allowed to utilize these special subsidies for the opening of schools in centres with a smaller population.

(*c*) The Government do not at present propose to relax their policy in regard to the opening of schools in school-less centres with special subsidies from Provincial funds.

Girls' schools for Muslims in South Arcot and other districts.

* 1459 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of new girls' schools (elementary) opened since 1924-25 in the districts of South Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore and the Nilgiris; and

(*b*) how many of them are intended for Muslim girls and in which taluks and municipalities in the said districts have these been opened?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have been sanctioning to local bodies since 1927-28 special subsidies for opening girls' schools in large centres where there are no girls' schools. A statement [a] giving the information in respect of these schools for the districts mentioned in the question is placed on the table. The Government have no information in regard to the schools which may have been opened by the local bodies concerned without special aid from Provincial funds or by private managements.

Appointments to superior posts in the Educational department.

* 1460 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether recently several appointments to the superior posts of the Educational Service have been filled by persons who were not in Government service at the time of appointment;

(*b*) whether these posts were advertised in the open market and whether such applications were considered by any special committee; and

(*c*) if no applications were called for, on what grounds and under what circumstances such appointments were made and how the Government satisfied themselves prima facie that they were the best candidates available?

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 143-144 infra.